

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5647.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine funding and oversight of the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Navy military construction programs, after receiving testimony from B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Major General Eugene G. Payne, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installation and Logistics, and Rear Admiral Mark A. Handley, Deputy Commander, Navy Installations Command, all of the Department of the Navy, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, and Wayne Army, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Army proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Pete Geren, Secretary of the Army, and General George W. Casey Jr., USA, Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,425 nominations in the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and John D. Porcari, of Maryland, to be

Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, both of the Department of Transportation, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Lawrence E. Strickling, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, both of the Department of Commerce, and Aneesh Chopra, of Virginia, to be Chief Technology Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND CLIMATE POLICY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine business opportunities and climate policy, after receiving testimony from Chad Holliday, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Mark W. Stiles, Trinity Industries Inc., Dallas, Texas; Cynthia J. Warner, Sapphire Energy, San Diego, California; Tim Healey, Lange-Stegmann Company, St. Louis, Missouri; Richard Lowenthal, Coulomb Technologies, Campbell, California; Wayne F. Krouse, Hydro Green Energy, LLC, Houston, Texas; Richard W. Taylor, ImbuTec Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Jack Armstrong, BASF Corporation, Florham Park, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Philip J. Crowley, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, and Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, both of the Department of State, and Daniel Benjamin, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

GREEN GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pathways to a green global economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Nicholas Stern, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom; and James E. Rogers, Duke Energy, Charlotte, North Carolina.

PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine public health challenges in our nation's capital, after